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Test Your Tactics!

Combinations from the past year in *TK*. Solutions: page 13



1. Black to move

Doibani-Bartholomew, Tx Masters '07



2. White to move

Harper-Qi, Houston Open 2007



3. Black to move

Sawyer-Morshedi, SW Collegiate '07



4. Black to move

Chunhong-Boskovic, UTD 2007



5. White to move

Evan Xiang-Abramishvili, Batumi '06



6. White to move

Rylander-Sutherland, S.A. Summer '07



7. White to move

Robson-Panchanathan, UTD 2007



8. Black to move

Chaplin-Morshedi, Texas Team 2007



9. Black to move

Krush-Bradford, US Champ. 2007

A Message from the President

The biggest chess headline in the past two months has to be the passing of Bobby Fischer, the only modern American world champion, whose brilliant chess mind ignited a surge of interest in American chess in the 1970s, but whose subsequent actions, most notably his rejoicing in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and his increasingly fervent anti-Semitism, also color his legacy. Meanwhile, in Texas, news of the recent death of Lynne Babcock has been slower to disseminate but equally sad to chess players of my vintage and beyond. Lynne moved to Houston in 1970, establishing the Houston Chess Club, which counted Ron Henley among its members. She later moved to Austin in the late 70s, where she resided for more than 30 years before passing away in July of last year. Lynne was an active force in the Austin Chess Club and Austin Chess Enterprises.

By the time you are reading this, it will almost be time for the annual Scholastic State Championship in Houston, which takes place from March 8 through March 9. As always, there will be a TCA business meeting during the tournament. This meeting will take place at 8:35 p.m. (sharp!) in Room 335B at the playing site, the Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston. As part of my President's report, I will have a short discussion about my trip to the World Youth Chess Championship, held last year in Antalya, Turkey. So far, I've not received any notice of any matters to be discussed during new business at this meeting. Please recall that the meeting has an emphasis on matters pertaining to scholastic chess. If you have an item that you wish to be brought up at the meeting, please attend the meeting and try to have a written motion to be considered by the members present.

I hope everyone enjoyed the January/February 2008 issue of *Texas Knights*; I've received lots of compliments on the magazine. Those should mostly be directed to Selby Anderson, our editor (clap clap) and to the high level of chess competition that we've had in the past three or four months.

That's it for now. Hope to see you in Houston!

Michael M. Simpson
TCA President

TCA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Feb. 15, 2008

Sept. 1, 2007 checking account balance \$1,088.23

Income

SW Open fee and memberships - Sept 07	\$437.00
Texas Grade fee and memberships - Nov 07	635.00
Texas Team memberships - Jan 08	122.50
Donation from Fred Roper - Heartland Scholastic	34.33
September memberships	217.50
October memberships	55.00
November memberships	117.00
December memberships	70.00
January memberships	510.00
February memberships (so far)	35.00
Total	\$2,233.33

Expenses

2007 SW Open Prize Fund	1,200.00
Texas Knight - Sept-Oct 2007	1,000.76
Texas Knight - Nov-Dec 2007	933.93
Texas Knight - Jan-Feb 2008	919.76
Dachey Lin - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Warren Harper - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Warren Harper - 2007 Denker attendee	1,000.00
Warren Harper Denker fund from Dale Coleman	500.00
Ellen Xiang - 2007 World Youth attendee	600.00
Evan Xiang - 2007 World Youth attendee	300.00
Total	\$7,654.45

WF checking account balance	\$2,545.56
BOA checking account balance	\$11,716.23
Savings account balance	\$5,922.80
CD (8 mo. @ 5%) July 07- Feb 08	\$25,745.28

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Swafford

Chess-in-education workshop slated

TCA will hold a Chess in Education workshop Mar. 8 from 1-5 p.m. at the Hilton Americas in Houston, during the Texas Scholastics. Keynote speaker: Russ Harwood on the Brownsville chess boom and how to duplicate it. Fees: \$15 advance, \$20 at door.

Treasure Chess contest: no takers?

Alexey Root's *Treasure Chess* quiz in the Jan.-Feb. issue resulted in exactly zero responses, so the autographed copy signed by Bruce Pandolfini still seeks a home. We are therefore extending the contest deadline to **Apr. 15**.

Texas Team champs: Committee to Elect Garry Kasparov

The 2008 Texas Team Championship, held Jan. 26-27 at TNI, drew a record low of six teams. The winner with 4-0 was top-rated (2169) *Committee to Elect Garry Kasparov*: Selby Anderson, Jim Rohrbaugh, Don Sutherland and J.P. Hyltin. This was largely thanks to a mighty performance on the lower three boards, assisted by a ratings advantage. Rohrbaugh and Sutherland had perfect scores, and Hyltin gave up just one draw (to Zhaosu). Anderson took back-to-back losses against Rylander and Malazarte, and finished with 2-2.

Clear second with 3 was *X-treme* (2034), with Dennis Rylander, Paul Haney, Clemente Rendon and Clayton Swafford. Top U1900 team on tiebreaks was *Walking Tal* (Ernesto Malazarte, Mitch Vergara, John Niven and Zhaosu Ye) with 2-2. They tied with *Barbaric Bishops* (Gregg Stanley, Martin Gordon, Nathanael Lozano and Daniel Lozano). The lowest-rated team had the memorable (maybe inevitable!) name, *Don't Taze My King, Bro'*.

Prizes were cut in half, but not trophies. Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Modern Defense A42

Selby Anderson 2234
C.E.G.K.

Gregg Stanley 2066
Barbaric Bishops

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Ne2 e5 5.Be3 d6 6.Nbc3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nge7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 f5 10.exf5 Nxf5 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.Qd2 Kh8 [12... Qf6=] 13.Rad1 Qh4 14.f4 Bg4 15.Bxg4 Qxg4 16.h3 Qf5 17.Nd5 Rac8 18.Rfe1 Rfe8 19.Bf2 Re4 20.Rxe4 Qxe4 21.b3 Qf5 22. Re1 Qf7 23.b4 b6 24.Re4?

24.b5! Na5 25.Qd3 and the threat of Re7 is good for a pawn.

24...Rf8 25.Qe2

25.b5! Na5 26.Qe2 (26.Re7 Nxc4 27.Qd3 Nb2 28.Qf3 Qf5 29.Rxg7 Kxg7 30.Bd4+ Kf7 31.Qb3 Nd3 32.Nb4+ Qe6 33.Nxd3±) 26...c6 27.Re7 Qg8 28.bxc6 Nxc6 29.Rd7±



25...Qf5?

25...b5! =

26.b5 Na5 27.Nxc7 g5

27...Rc8 28.Ne8 Be5 29.Rxe5 dxe5 30.Nd6+-

28.Ne6 Re8 29.g4 Qf6

29...Qg6 30.f5 Qh6 31.h4!+- (31.Nxg5 Rf8 32.Qd2+-)

30.Nxg7 Qa1+ 31.Kg2 Rxe4 32.Qxe4 1-0

Ruy Lopez C68

Martin Gordon 1913

Barbaric Bishops

James Rohrbaugh 2200

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd6 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.Nb3 f5 11.Bd4 Bf8 12.e5 Nh6 13.f4 Rg8 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Ne2 b6 16.h3 Nf7 17.Bc3 c5 18.Nd2 Be7 19.Nf3 Bc4 20.Kf2 g5 21.g3 gxf4 22.gxf4 Bxe2 23.Kxe2 Rg2+ 24.Rf2 Rdg8 25.Rh1 Nd8 26.Rh2 R2g3 27.Bd2 Ne6 28.Be3 Kd7 29.

Ne1 c4 30.Rfg2 Kc6 31.Rxg3 Rxg3 32.Kf2??



Time control is past (it was 30/90, SD/1), hence the second "??" Completely equal is 32.Nf3.

32...Bh4 33.Ke2?

33.Nf3 Rxh3+ 34.Kg2 Rxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Be7 36.Nd2 Kd5±.

33... Rxe3+ 34.Kxe3 Bxe1 35.Rg2 c3! 36.bxc3 Bxc3 37.Rg8 Bb2 38.Rh8 Bc1+ 39.Kf2 Bxf4 40.Rxh7 Kd5 41.h4 Kxe5 42.h5 Kf6 43.h6 Kg6 44.Re7 Ng5 45.h7 Nxh7 46.Re8 Nf6 47.Ra8 a5 48.Ke2 Kg5 49.c4 Bd6 50.Ra7 Ne4 51.Kd3 Kf4 52.Ra8 Kf3 53.Re8 Ng3 54.Rg8 f4 55.Rg7 Kg2 56.c5 bxc5 57.a4 c4+ 58.Kxc4 f3 59.Kb5 f2 60.Kxa5 f1Q 61.Re7!?! [Hoping for stalemate.] 61... Qf5+! 62.Ka6 Bxe7 and 0-1

Owen Defense D00

Jose DeLeon 1797

Four Horsemen

Dennis Rylander 2357

X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 c5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6 9.Bb5+ Nfd7 10.f4 0-0 11.Qf3 a6 12.Bd3 Nc5 13.Be3 Nbd7 14.Rad1 b5 15.b4 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Rc8 17.Nce2 d5 18.a3 dxe4 19.dxe4 Rc4 20.Ng3 Qc8 21.Nb3 Bf6?!

21...f5! 22.Na5 Bxe4 23. Nxe4 Rxe4

22.Na5! Bc3!?

Trying to throw White off balance, and it works. Lackluster was 22...Rc7 23.Nxb7±.



23.Rxd7?

23.Nxc4 Bxe1 24.Nd6 Qc7 25. Nh5 Bc6 (25...Bc3 26.Bc5!+) 26. Nxc7! or 26.Bd4! is winning.

Qxd7 24. Rd1 Qc7 25.Nxc4 Qxc4 26.Bc5 Rc8= 27.Qe3 Bf6 28.e5 Bh4 29.Qd3 Qa2 30.Rd2 Qa1+ 31. Rd1 Qa2 32.Rd2 Qd5 33.Qxd5 Bxd5 34.Nf5 Bd8 35.Nd6 Ra8 36. Kf2 f6 37.exf6 Bxf6 38.g4 Rf8 39.Ke3 g5



40.f5?

40.Nf5!! gxf4+ 41.Kxf4 Rd8 42. Be7 Bc3 43.Rd3=. After the text the knight is in deep trouble.

40...Be5 41.Rf2

No better is 41.Re1 Rd8 42.Ne4 Bf4+ 43.Kf3 exf5 44.exf5 Re8, and Black wins the knight at leisure with an eventual ...Bc4 and ...h4+.

41...Rd8 42.Ne4 Bf4+ 43.Rxf4 gxf4+ 44.Kxf4 Bxe4 45. Kxe4 Kf7 0-1

Notes by J.P. Hylltin

Reti Opening A14

Daniel Lozano 1520

Barbaric Bishops

J.P. Hylltin 2079

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (1)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.b3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bb2 c6 8.d3 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Rc8



11.Rac1

11.e4 was Botvinnik-Bisguier, Hastings 1961. Botvinnik won, but subsequent games with e4 did not go as well. Either 11.Ne5 or 11. Rfd1 is probably best.

11...Bd6 12.e4 e5 13.Nh4 g6 14. Bh1 Re8 15.Rce1 Bb4 16.Bc3 Bf8 17.f4 Bc5+ 18.Kg2 exf4 19.Rxf4 d4 20.Bb2 g5 21.Rxf6 Nxf6 22.Nf5 b4 23.Nf3 Rc7 24.Qd1 [24.Nxc5 Ng4 ±] 24...g4 25.N3h4 Bc8 26.Qd2 [26. e5±] 26...Nd7 27.Rf1 Ne5 28.Nh6+

White lost on time, while Black had four seconds left to get through move 30. 0-1

Queen's Indian E17

Dennis Rylander 2357

X-treme

Selby Anderson 2234

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 c6 9.cxd5 Nxd5

9...cxd5 10.Nc3 Na6 11.Nf5 Nc7 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Bd6 Bf8 = Romanishin-Razuvaev, Jurmala 1987.

10.Nf5 Nc7 11.e4 d5 12.Nc3 Re8

12...Bf6 13.Bf4 Bc8 14.g4 Nba6 15.Rc1 Bxf5 16.gxf5 Bg5 17.Bxc7 Nxc7 18.f4 Be7 19.exd5 Bc5+ 20.Kh1 cxd5= Sosonko-Tukmakov, Tilburg 1984; 12...Nba6 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bf4 Nc7 16.Bxc7 Qxc7 17.Rc1 Qd8= ECO.

13.Bf4 Nba6

13...Ne6! offers back the pawn in exchange for the initiative (14. Bxb8 Rxb8 15.exd5 etc.) or else 14.Be5 Nd7 15.Bd6 d4! getting a nice pawn array for the exchange.

14.Qg4



14...Ne6?

14...g6 15.Rad1 Bf8 16.Nh6+ Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Bc8 18.Qf3 d4 19.e5 c5 20.Ne4! Rxe5 21.Qf6 Qxf6 22. Nxf6+ Kh8 23.Bf4 Re6 24.Rfe1 Rxf6 25.Bxa8 Re6 26.Be4=.

15.Rad1 d4

15...h5 wins the knight, but at too high a price: 16.Nh6+ Kf8 (16... Kh7 17.Qf5+ g6 18.Qxf7+ Ng7 19. Be5+) 17.Qxh5 gxh6 18.Qxh6+ Kg8 19.Be5 f6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21. Nxd5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Bf8 23.Bxe6+ Rxe6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Qg6+ Bg7 26.Bf4+.

16.Rxd4 Qxd4?

16...Qc8 17.Be5 f6 18.Bd6 Bd8 19.Ba3 Qc7 20.Rd6±

17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd7 Bf6 19.e5!
19.Qxb7? Nc5 20.Qc7 Re7
21.Qd6 Re6 22.Rd1±
19... Red8 20.Qxb7 1-0

English Opening A35

James Rohrbach 2200

C.E.G.K.

Paul Haney 2015

X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (2)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 [3... Nd4!] 4.e3 Bg7

Easier play comes from 4...Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5, with a reversed Tarrasch Defense.

5.d4 Nh6 6.d5 Na5 7.e4 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.h3 f5 10.Qd2 Nf7 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Bd3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.0-0 Qb6 15.b3 Qd8 16.Bxf5 Rxf5 17. Rae1 b6 18.Ne4 Nb7 19.f4 Bg7 20. g4 Rf8 21.Ng5 Qd7 22.Ne6 b5 23. Nxc7!

Playing against the weakened kingside is more effective than winning the Exchange.

23...Kxg7 24.f5 Kg8 25.Bh6 Rf6 26.Bg5 Rxf8

26...Rf7 27.fxg6 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 (Δ Rxe7) is even worse.

27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.fxg6 Rxc6 29.Qf4 Qe8 30.cxb5 Nd8 31.a4 Nf7 32. Re6 Rg7 33.Rfe1 Ng5 34.R6e3 Qg6 35.h4 Nf7 36.Rxe7 Qxg4+ 37. Qxg4 Rxc4+ 38.Kf2 Rxh4 39. Rxa7 Ne5 40.Rxe5 dxe5 41.b6 Rf4+ 42.Ke3 Rb4 43.b7 Rxb3+ 44. Ke4 Rb4+ 45.Kxe5 1-0

Nimzo-Indian E44

J.P. Hyltin 2079

C.E.G.K.

Clayton Swafford 1897

X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Bb7 6.a3 Be7 7.d5 d6 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 e5 10.0-0 Ne8 11.g4 Bc8 12.Ng3 g6 13.f4 Bf6 14.f5 Nd7 15. Ra2 Kh8 16.b3 Ng7 17.Raf2 Bh4 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.e4 Nf6 20.Bf3 Ng8 21.Rg2 f5 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Nxf5

Nxf5 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Be4 Nh6 26. Bxh6 Rf6 27.Bg7+ Kh7 28.Qh5+ Rh6 29.Qxh6+ Kg8 30. Rxf5 1-0

Torre Attack A48

Selby Anderson 2234

C.E.G.K.

Ernesto Malazarte 2174

Walking Tal

Texas Team 2008 (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 h6 5.Bh4 d6 6.e4 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bb5 Bg4 [8...Bd7] 9.h3 Bd7 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bc4 b5 12.Bb3 e5 13.dxe5

13.d5 Na5 14.Bc2 c6 15.dxc6 Bxc6 =.

13...dxe5 [13...Nxe5] 14.Nh2 Qe7 [14...Qe8] 15.Ng4 g5 16.Bg3 Rfe8 17.Ne3 Na5 18.Bc2 c5 19.h4 g4 20.h5 Nc6 21.Bh4 Rad8 22.Ndf1 22.Nd5 Qe6 23.Qe3 Kh7=

22...Be6 23.Ng3 Qd7 24.Ngf5 [24.Rd1 Qc8] 24...Nd4



25.cxd4 exd4 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27. Nxc4 Bg5 28.Ngxc6+

28.Nfxh6+! Kf8 (28...Kh7 29. e5+ d3 30.Rd1 dxc2 31.Qxc2+ Bf5 32.Nxf5) 29.Rd1+-.

28...Kh7 29.Rd1 Bc4!?? 29...Bxh6 30.Nxh6 Kxh6 31. Qd2+ Kh7 32.e5+ Bf5=

30.Qg4 d3!?

30...Bxh6 31.Nxh6 Kxh6 32. Qf4+ Kh7 33.b3 Be6 34.e5+ f5 35 .exf6+ Bf5+ 36.Kd2 d3 37.Kc1±. 31.Qxg5??

Unaccountably, I overreact after time control. 31.Bxd3 Bxh6 32.Rh3

and White is two pawns up; or 31... Bxd3 32.Qxg5 Rxe4+ 33.Ne3+-, 31...Rxe4+ 32.Kd2

32.Kf1 dxc2+ 33.Kg1 cxd1Q+ 34.Kh2 Rh4+ 35.Qxh4 Qe2+-.

32...dxc2+ 33.Kxc2 Bd3+ 34.Kd2 34.Kc1 Rc4+ 35.Kd2 Bf1+ with forced mate.

34...Be2+ 35.Kc2 Rc4+

There is still a way to lose: 35... Bxd1+?? 36.Kb1 Bc2+ 37.Kc1+-.

36.Kb1 Qxd1+ 37.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 0-1

Torre Attack D03

Mitch Vergara 2032

Walking Tal

James Rohrbach 2200

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (3)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nbd2 b6 7.0-0 Ba6 8.c4 h6 9.Bh4 Nbd7 10.Rc1 Re8 11.Bb1 [11.Qb3; 11.Qa4] dxc4 12.Nxc4 c5 13.Qa4 Qc8 14.Qb3 Qb7 15.Rfd1 Rac8 16.Nfe5 cxd4 17.exd4 [17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rxd4] Qd5 18.Bd3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Qxe5 21.Bb5 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qf4 23.Qe4 Qxc4 24.Rxc4 Rd8 25.Rc2 Rd1+ 26.Bf1 g5 27. Bg3 Nd5 28.a3 Bc5 29.Be5 f6 30. Bb8 a5 31.g3 Ne7 32.Kg2 Nc6 33. Bc7 Nd4 34.Be2?

34.Rc4 puts up better resistance. Fritz gives 34...Nb3 35.Rc3 Rd2!

36.Rxb3 Rxf2+ 37.Kh3 f5 38.g4 a4 39.Rb5 Rxf1 40.Bxb6 Bd6 41.Kg2 Rb1 42.gxf5 exf5 43.Bd4 Bxa3±.

34...Re1 35.Rxc5 bxc5 36.Bc4 Rc1 37.Ba6 Nb3 38.Bb5 Rc2 0-1

Closed Sicilian B24

Don Sutherland 2164

C.E.G.K.

John Niven 1723

Walking Tal

Texas Team 2008 (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 b6 7.Qd2 Bb7 8. Nge2 h6 9.0-0 Nf6 10.h3 d6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 0-0

14.Rad1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5
Bxd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Bxd5 exd5
19.Qxd5 Qc8 20.Rd2 Qxh3 21.
Rfd1 Qg4 22.Qe5+ Kh7 23.Rd4
Qg5 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Rd7 Kg7 26.
Rc7 Rfc8 27.Rdd7 Rxc7 28.Rxc7
Kf6 29.f3 Ke6 30.Kf2 f5 31.Ke3
Kd6 32.Rg7 Re8+ 33.Kd2 Re6 34.
Rxa7 f4 35.gxf4 gxf4 36.Ra4 g5 37.
Rd4+ Kc5 38.c3 Re3 39.Rd3 Re6
40.a4 Rh6 41.Kc2 Rh2+ 42.Rd2
Rh3 43.b4+ Kc6 44.Rf2 Rh1 45.
Kb3 Re1 46.Kc4 b5+ 47.axb5+
Kb6 48.Rd2 Re6 49.Rd5 Rg6 50.
Rf5 g4 51.fxc4 Rxc4 52.Rf6+ Kb7
53.Kb3 Kc7 54.c4 Rg3+ 55.Ka4
Rf3 56.c5 Rf1 57.b6+ and 1-0

Notes by J.P. Hyltin

Ruy Lopez C96

Zhaosu Ye 1723

Walking Tal

J.P. Hyltin 2079

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6
8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4
Nd7 12.d5 Nb6 13.b3 f5 14.Nh2
fxe4 15.Bxe4 Bf5 16.Qc2 Bxe4
17.Qxe4 Bg5 18.Nd2 c4 19.b4 Nb7
20.Ndf3 Bxc1 21.Raxc1 Rf4 22.
Qc2 Qe7 23.Rcd1 Raf8 24.Re2 Nd8
25.Ng4



25...Nf7

25...Rxf3 26.gxf3 Qh4 works out well for Black with best play, but it is very complicated. Some sample

lines: (a) 27.Kg2? Rxf3! 28.Kxf3
Qxh3+ 29.Ke4 Qxg4+ 30.Ke3 Qf4
mate; (b) 27.Re3 Qxh3 28.Qe2 Rf4
29.Qf1 caused me to reject the sac,
but 29...Qh5 30.Qe2 Nf7+ is good
for Black. (c) 27.Nh2 Qxh3 28.Re4
Rf6 29.Rg4 Rh6 30.Rg2 looks like
an adequate fortress, but I missed
30...Nxd5! 31.Rxd5 Ne6+.
26.Nd4 Nd8 27.Nf3 ½-½

Dutch Defense A45

James Thames 1539

Don't Taze My King Bro'

Dennis Rylander 2357

X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (3)

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.Bf4 d6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 c6
8.Be2 a6 9.0-0 b5 10.h3 Nbd7 11.
Rad1 b4 12.Nb1 Qa5 13.Nfd2 e5
14.Nb3 Qc7 15.dxe5 dxe5 16. Bh2
Ne4 17.c5 a5 18.Bc4+?

Better is 18.N1d2 Ng5 19.Nd4 f4
20.N4f3±.

18...Kh8 19.Nd4 Ndx5 20.Ne2
Qe7 21.Ng3 Nd6 22.Nd2 Nxc4 23.
Nxc4 Ba6 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Ne2 Nd3
26.Rf1 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Nxb2 28.
Qxc6 Nxd1 29.Rxd1 Rfd8 30.Nd4
Qf7 31.Qc2 a4 32.Qb1 b3 33.axb3
axb3 34.Rd2 f4 35.Nxb3 Rxd2 36.
Nxd2 fxe3 37.Qxe4 Ra1+ 38.Nf1
0-1

Sicilian Paulsen B41

Jose DeLeon 1784

Four Horsemen

Selby Anderson 2243

C.E.G.K.

Texas Team 2008 (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
a6 5.Bc4 Qc7 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Qe5
8.Be3 Qxe4 9.Nd2 Qg4 10.f3 Qh5
11.0-0-0 b5 12.Nf1 Bb7 13.g4 Qe5
14.Rg1 Nc6 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Qf2
Nd5 17.f4 Qc7 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.
Rxd5 exd5 20.Bd4 Qc6 21.Ne3
0-0-0 22.Rd1 Re8 23.Rd3 Kb7 24.
Rc3 Qe6 25.Rd3 Rg8 26.Qd2 Bd6
27.Qf2 Qe4 28.Ng2 Rc8 [28...Qe2
29.Qf3 Re4 30.c3 g5 31.fxc5 Rxc5

32.h3 h5 33.Qxe2 Rxe2-+] 29.Kd1
Rc6 30.Rd2 Re8 31.h3 g6 32.Qe3
Qxe3 33.Bxe3 Rxe3 34.Nxe3 Bxf4
35.Rd3 Bxe3 36.Rxe3 Re6 37.Rf3 f6
38.Kd2 Kc7 39.Rd3 Kd6 40.Ra3
Ke5 41.Re3+ Kf4 42.Rd3 Rd6 43.
b3 d4 44.Ke2 b4 45.Kf2 Ke4 46.
Ke2 f5 47.gxf5 gxf5 48.Kf2 Rc6 49.
Rd2 Rc3 50.Kg2 f4 51.Kh2 Ke3 0-1

Gruenfeld Defense D94

Jim Rohrbaugh 2200

C.E.G.K.

Juan Carrizales 1760

Four Horsemen

Texas Team 2008 (4)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 g6 4.e3
Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 0-0 7.Be2 d5
8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bg4 10.d5 Qc7
11.Bb3 a6 12.h3 Bc8 13.Be3 b5 14.
Rc1 Qd6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Qd8
17.a3 Nbd7 18.Ng5 Ne5 19. Nge4
Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bc8 21.Bh6 Bxh3 22.
Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qc3 Bxg2 24.Kxg2
f6 25.Qc7 Qe8 26.d6 1-0

French Defense C01

Ernesto Malazarte 2174

Walking Tal

Dennis Rylander 2357

X-treme

Texas Team 2008 (4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3
Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.c3 Bd6 7.0-0
Nge7 8.Re1 Qd7 9.b4 0-0 10.h3
Bf5 11.Nh4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Rae8
13.Bd2 Nd8 14.Na3 c6 15.Nc2 Bb8
16.Re2 f6 17.Rae1 Nf7 18.Ne3 Nd6
19.Nef5 Nef5 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.
Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Nxf5 Qe4 23.Qxe4
Nxe4 24.Be1 g6 25.Ne3 Bf4 26.Nd1
Kf7 27.Kf1 h5 28.g3 Bc1 29.Ke2
Ng5 30.h4 Ne4 31.f3 Nd6 32.Bd2?
Bxd2 33.Kxd2 Nf5 34.g4 Nxh4 35.
gxh5 gxh5 36.Ke3 Kg6 37.Kf4 Nf5
38.a4 Ng7 39.Ne3 Ne6+ 40.Kg3
Kg5 41.Ng2 Nf4 42.Ne3 Ne2+ 43.
Kf2 Nxc3 44.a5 Nb5 45.Nc2 Kf4
46.Ne1 Nxd4 47.Nd3+ Kf5 48.Nc5
Nc2 49.Nd3 h4 50.Kg2 Nd4 51.Nc5
b6 52.axb6 axb6 53.Nd3 Ne6 54.
Kf2 Nf4 55.Nc1 Ke5 56.Ke3 h3 0-1

UT Dallas Keeps Grip on Pan-American Chess Title

Triumph in fifth round nail-biter helps clinch win in 'world series' tournament

by Jim Stallings

The UT Dallas "A" team reeled off five consecutive match victories, hesitating only in the final round when it played to a draw, to clinch first place in the 2007 Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship.

The victory in Miami on Sunday, after six rounds of play over four days (Dec. 27-30), means UT Dallas will keep the title it won in last year's competition.

Known as the "world series of college chess," the Pan American championship is the most prestigious tournament of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

UT Dallas chess coach Rade Milovanovic said the turning point was the fifth-round match between the A teams of UT Dallas and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The two teams – with two grandmasters each – were the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds in the tournament.

"The match was even until our board 4, freshman Salvijus Bercys, finally won, and that gave us a victory of 2.5-1.5," Milovanovic said.

"Sal was winning, but his clock got down to 18 seconds at one point," said Jim Stallings, director of the UT Dallas chess program. "The entire championship was riding on one last play. You scored and won the game; or you lost everything."

"The time scramble had a large crowd silently frozen as they watched," Stallings said.

The UTD-A team's top board, Axel Bachmann, finished undefeated with 5-1 to win the first board prize.

UTD's B team racked up scores of 4.5-1.5 to finish in a three-way tie for second place with teams from UMBC and New York University.

The tournament, held this year at the Miami Dade College campus, is more than 60 years old. About 150 players on 28 teams from colleges in the U.S., Canada and the West Indies took part in the event.

Wearing UT Dallas' green competition shirts, the all-woman "C" team won the tournament's Division IV title.

Stallings praised UT Dallas' new "C" team, which won the all-female award and the Division IV title. "The C team's performance, matching veteran teams such as Stanford and Dartmouth, was outstanding and reflects a great deal of hard work in preparing," he said.

This is the sixth time UT Dallas has won or tied for first in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Team Championship. UT Dallas, UMBC, NYU and Miami Dade now qualify to play in the Final Four in April.

UT Dallas and UMBC have emerged as the two best college chess teams in the nation. One or the other has won the Pan Am during the past ten years.

In the Final Four of Chess, another major annual college chess competition, no team other than UT Dallas and UMBC has won the event in its seven-year history.

Pirc Defense B07

Robert Sinn 2264

Axel Bachmann 2589

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2007 (4)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.e5!? Nfd7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.O-O O-O 9.h3 a6 10.a4 b6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Bf3 Qc7 14.Nc4 Nb4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.a5 b5 17.Nb6 Rab8 18.d5



18...Nd7 19.Na2 Nxb6 20.Nxb4 Nc4 21.Bd4 Nxb2 22.Bxb2 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bc3 24.Nc6 Rbc8 25.Rb3 Rxc6 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.Qe2 e6 28.Rd1 Rc8 29. Rxc3 Qxc3 30.Rxd6 Qa1+ 31.Kh2 Qxa5 32.Rd7 Qc3 33.Qe4 Qf6 0-1

Since 2000, UTD has won or shared first place at the Pan American Intercollegiate six out of eight times.

Notes by GM Panchanathan

Pirc Defense B07

Magesh Panchanathan 2508

Pavel Blehm 2500

Pan-Am Intercollegiate 2007 (5)

This was the most critical match for UTD given that we were playing our arch rivals UMBC. We believed that we were favorites going into the game since the ratings showed that they were slightly better in the top two boards but we were very strong in the last 2 boards.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 h6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.f3 Rc8 11.Kb1

We have reached a standard Sicilian position. I was very com-

fortable with the outcome of the opening since I like to play such positions. The position is very dynamic and it gives a lot of opportunities for both sides

11...Be7 12.g4 b5 13.h4 b4 14.Nce2 d5

This is one of critical moments of the game. Blehm here started off with a small miscalculation, which eventually led to a comfortable position for White.

15.Nxc6 Bxc6



16.Nd4!

16.e5 Nd7, when 17.f4 will be met by 17...d4, and 17.Bd4 is not the best square for White's bishop; the knight on d4 would be much better, as in the game.

16...Bb7

16...dxe4 17.Bxa6! My opponent missed this simple yet very strong move. 17...Ra8 (17...exf3 18.Nxc6 Qxd2 19.Rxd2 Rxc6 20.Bb5+-) 18.Nxc6 Qxd2 19.Bxd2 Rxa6 20.Nxe7 Kxe7 21.Bxb4+--.

17.e5 Nd7 18.f4

I was again very happy with the structure I got into. Like I had mentioned before the knight on d4 looks much more in control than the bishop. Also, Black's bishop is not very active, though it has good potential if he has time to play a5 and Ba6, which he never did during the game.

18...Qc7 19.Bd3 Bc5 20.g5

I had a choice here either to play h5 followed by g5 or go with g5

directly. I chose the latter since I realized that opening the h-file can only be good for White as it makes Black's king more vulnerable

20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Qb6 23.Qf2

I realized at this point that I have a lot of pressure on the Black king, and he needs to play accurately to stay in the game. Given that he was much lower on time I knew that a mistake from his side was inevitable; I just wanted to make sure I latched on to it.

23...g6 24.Rh8+ Ke7 25.Rh7 Rg8



26.Bxg6!

It was really interesting how I found out this move. My gut instinct was that White should have some decisive attack here. [26.f5 gxh5 27.Bxf5 exf5 28.Qxf5?? (28.Nxf5+ This move still gives very good attacking chances for white, but not as good as the game.) 28...Qg6! This queen maneuver to the kingside gives Black the upper hand as he defends everything with this move. When I started pondering over the correct way to counter his f6 defense I came up with the idea to play Bxg6 in the beginning and hence placing Black's rook on g6 which hinders his queen from shifting to the kingside.

26...Rxxg6 27.f5 exf5

27...Rg8 28.fxg6+-.

28.Qxf5+-

Now we have the same position as before except Black cannot play

...Qg6 and that solves all White's problems

28...Kd8 29.Rxf7

The rest of the game is a simple execution of a completely winning position

29...Nf8 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Qxf8+ Kc7 32.e6 Rxe6 33.Qf7+ Kb8 34.Qxe6 1-0

WINTER OPEN

The Winter Open, held Feb. 23-24 in San Antonio, drew 26 players. Ernesto Malazarte (2127) was clear first in the 14-player Open section with 3.5 out of 4. Tied for second and U2200 with 3 were expert Don Sutherland and John Niven (rated 1702, he was "playing up!")

Anderson was eliminated in the last round, losing to Sutherland.

Anderson-Sutherland (Rd. 4)



36...Rxa2+! 37.Kb1 Ra1+ 38.Kb2 R8a2+ 39.Nxa2 Rxa2+ 0-1

Evan Xiang (1550), a third grade student from Houston, won the Reserve section with 3.5. Gary Cobb (1161) was clear second with 3. Michael LaBelle and Harini Balakrishnan tied for U1600 and U1400 with 2.5. Visakh Unnikrishnam, Jr. was top unrated with 1.5.

Martin Gordon directed for the San Antonio Chess Club.

Chess master helps give school kingly status

by Christopher Sherman

Associated Press

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Since Axel Bachmann arrived at the University of Texas-Brownsville on a full chess scholarship last year, the young Paraguayan immigrant has elevated his game, earning the grandmaster title and winning Sportsman of the Year in his native country.

The 18-year-old with a mop of brown hair and diamond stud in his left ear gives much of the credit to the chess incubator at UT's southernmost campus.

In recent years, the school has joined the ranks of the chess elite. The University of Texas at Dallas, University of Maryland at Baltimore County and Miami Dade College might sound foreign to Division I football devotees, but they are renowned in college chess.

At UTB, Bachmann trains with another grandmaster, chess team coach Gilberto Hernandez of Mexico, and practices with teammates who include chess olympians from Peru, Colombia and Mexico. Five team members are on full scholarship, and the others have partial scholarships.

But Bachmann is the first team member to achieve grandmaster status, a group of fewer than 1,000 chess players worldwide. He's also a strikingly normal teenager. Those who know him and know chess say he's more balanced than many grandmasters, as comfortable at the chess board as he is on the soccer field.

"I'm feeling really good here," Bachmann said. "I'm really happy here."

It was another UTB chess team member, Daniel Fernandez, who



knew Bachmann from playing tournaments in South America, who suggested chess program director Russell Harwood take a look. After the 2006 chess olympics, where Bachmann beat a Cuban grandmaster, Harwood offered Bachmann a scholarship and a chance to move to the U.S. based on his play, his rating as an international master at the time, his solid grades and Fernandez's recommendation that he was "a good kid."

Coming was "one of my hardest decisions ever," Bachmann said, "because it's not easy to come alone."

At that point, he had never been to the United States and never heard of the school -- last year named Chess College of the Year.

In Brownsville, Bachmann found a chess haven unlike anything he ever saw in Paraguay.

Chess hotbed

The reputation of elementary and high school chess teams in the area actually preceded the university's fame. And before the university offered him a scholarship, it offered full rides to two local elementary

school kids who were taking the chess world by storm.

"I understand the relationship of learning a game of great discipline and rigor like chess and learning," said Juliet V. Garcia, UTB president. "It just makes sense when you have this pool of chess babies."

Garcia said children in South Texas have tremendous potential for chess, despite living in one of the poorest regions of the country. The region has produced Fernando Spada and Fernando Mendez, the Brownsville boys to whom Garcia offered scholarships. At 9, they were No. 3 and No. 4 in the country in their age group last year.

It's also a source of pride for a relatively young school in a far-flung locale. Last year the school's team beat Yale and Stanford head-to-head and finished ahead of schools including Harvard, Duke, Northwestern and Johns Hopkins.

"How often are you going to get in that arena?" Garcia said.

Being in the U.S. gives Bachmann the chance to play more frequently in tournaments against some of the game's best players. In Paraguay, where chess is a small but growing sport, Bachmann honed his skills largely on the Internet. He faces opponents in cyberspace with the handle "Olimpus," a name that makes him blush in person.

Bachmann's success may be helping kids coming up behind him in Paraguay, where the nation's mainstream media track his accomplishments and refer to him as "nuestro campeón" or "our champion."

More Paraguayan schools are starting chess programs. "We didn't have any tradition and now we are getting some attention in the media," he said.

Julio Ingolotti, general secretary of the Paraguayan Chess Federation and Bachmann's first coach at age 5, wrote in Spanish in an e-mail that Bachmann deserves some of the credit for that.

Setting an example

"Chess is not a very popular sport in Paraguay, but in recent years the number of children playing has increased notably," Ingolotti wrote. "Axel has been important for that, since he is very well known in our country and children look at him as an example."

This weekend, Bachmann is in Morelia, Mexico, playing the toughest tournament of his life. He's the lowest ranked of 12 grandmasters and right in the middle of the 24-person Ibero-American Chess Championship field. Each player represents a different Spanish-speaking country. At collegiate competitions, Bachmann plays for his school, but he beams at the thought of representing Paraguay.

"My motivation level is in the clouds, because it's not every day that you get to play a tournament of this caliber," Bachmann wrote in a recent online interview with the Paraguayan Chess Federation. "Rest assured that I am going to do everything possible to put the name of Paraguay on top."

Bachmann said he did not get to prepare as much for this tournament as he would have liked because juggling chess with college is a challenge. Still, he managed to spend two weeks learning his opponents' openings and studying their earlier losses.

Bachmann wants to finish school and start playing full time.

"My idea is to be in the best 100 players," he said. "I'm like 900 now."

Update: In the first part of the Ibero-American Championship (Feb. 13-20) Bachmann, the fourth-rated in

his six-player section, won with an undefeated 4-1. Part two runs Feb. 29-Mar. 7 - SKA

Some of Bachmann's games:

Queen's Gambit D27

Irena Krush 2479

Axel Bachmann 2466

Miami Open 2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 a6 6.0-0 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.a3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bc2 b5 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.Bg5 g6 14.Rad1 Re8 15.Rfe1 Qb6 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Na5 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Re2 Nc4 20.Bb3 Rd8 21.Ng5



21...h6 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Red7 24.Qf4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Rxd4 27.f3 Kf8 28.Kf2 Ke7 29.Ke1 Kd6 30.Rc2 a5 31.Ke2 a4 32.Bxc4 bxc4 33.Rc1 Kd5 34.Rc3 e5 35.Re3 f5 0-1

English Opening A20

Zviad Izoria 2645

Axel Bachmann 2466

Miami Open 2007

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 g6 5.a3 a5 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nf3 d6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Bd2 Rb8 11.Ne1 Be6 12.Nc2 d5 13.b3 b6 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Nd4 16.Ne3 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Ned5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 e4 20.Bf4 Rb7 21.Ne3 Rd7 22.Qe1 Bf7 23.b4 axb4 24.axb4 Bh5 25.bxc5 Ne2+ 26.Kh1 Bc3 27.Qd1 Nxc3+ 28.hxg3 Bxd1 29.Nxd1 Bd4

30.cxb6 Bxb6 31.Ne3 Bc7 32.Bxc7 Qxc7 33.Bh3 Rdf7 34.Kg1 Kh8 35.Rbe1 Qc5 36.Nxf5 Rxf5 37.Bxf5 Qxf5 38.Re3 Rf6 39.Ra3 Qc5 40.Re3 Rf3 41.Rfe1 Rxe3 42.Rxe3 Qxc4 43.Kg2 Qd4 44.Kh3 Kg7 45.Kg2 Kf6 46.Ra3 Qb2 47.Re3 Kf5 48.Kf1 Qc1+ 49.Re1 Qd2 50.Ra1 Kg4 51.Kg2 e3 52.Ra4+ Kg5 0-1

Sicilian Dragon B70

Axel Bachmann 2466

Alfonso Almeida 2426

Merida - Torre Memorial 2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Be2 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Kh1 Na5 11.f4 Nc4 12.f5 Nxb2 13.Qc1 Nxe4 13...Bc4 is well-explored: 14.Qxb2 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Nxe4 16.f6 Nxf6 17.Nbd4 Qd7 18.c4 Rac8 19.Rac1 Rc5 (19...Ne4!? 20.Be3 f5) 20.Be3 Rfc8 21.Qb3 d5 = Gipslis-Borge, Aalborg 1993. 14.Nxe4 Bxf5 15.Rxf5 gxf5 16.Ng3 Qd7 17.Nh5 Be5



18.Bf6! Bxf6 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Qxb2 Rfe8 21.Bd3 Re5 22.Nd4 Rae8 23.Nf3 a6 24.Rf1 f4 25.Qd4 Qg4 26.Nxe5 dxe5 27.Qe4 b5 28.g3 f5 29.Qc6 Re6 30.Qa8+ Kg7 31.gxf4 Rg6 32.fxe5 Qd4 33.Bxf5 Rg5 34.Qf3 Qxe5 35.h4 Rg3 36.Qxg3+ Qxg3 37.Rg1 Qxg1+ 38.Kxg1 h6 39.Kf2 Kf6 40.Bc8 a5 41.Kf3 Ke5 42.Bd7 b4 43.Kg4 f6 44.Kh5 f5 45.Kxh6 f4 46.Kg5 f3 47.h5 f2 48.Bb5 1-0

Lynne Babcock (1925-2007)

The doyenne of Texas chess, Lynne Babcock, died in an Austin hospice on July 8. By her side were her daughter, Dinah, and her son Jeffrey. Her other daughter, Barbara, and her other son, David, had come from out of town to be with her before her death, as had other family and friends.

Lynne was born January 17, 1925. She graduated from college (rare for a woman at that time). In the Midwest, listening to the radio at night, she heard a remarkable voice, a man she would later meet and marry, Frank Babcock. He went on to great success as a television spokesman for Cadillac and the Jolly Green Giant, and as a co-owner of WGN-TV in Chicago. At his premature death in 1970, Lynne moved with her children to Houston where her home became the full-time Houston Chess Club. Future grandmaster Ron Henley was one of many young players who flourished there. She personally sponsored the Houston International, won by Robert Huebner.

A brilliant writer and a contributor to *The Atlantic* and other notable publications, Lynne gained her greatest fame with a co-authored joke book *There's an Elephant in my Sandwich*. When Ed Edmondson asked her to take charge of a USCF membership campaign in the 1970s, her own piece for a March issue of *Chess Life*, exhorting further effort, was titled with her inimitable wit, "The Chides of March."

Lynne found her true Texas home, Austin, a blue oasis in a red desert, in the late 1970s. For thirty years, I was her frequent houseguest there. She introduced me to Austin sites such as Esther's Follies and the

first Whole Foods store, and to such quintessential Austin pastimes as watching half a million bats fly out from under Congress Avenue Bridge (now Ann Richards Bridge) over Town Lake (now Lady Bird Johnson Lake) every evening while slurping Margaritas, and attending Spamararama, with events such as the Spam Toss and the Spam Cook-off (one year's winner: "Spam Tartar," an opened tin of Spam with a plastic fork stuck in it).

Lynne was an editor of *Texas Knights* and active in the Texas Chess Association for thirty years. A smoker for thirty years, she quit thirty years ago, but died of lung cancer. She was my dear, dear friend, and I loved her. Who is there now to share a joke with? Four children, five grandchildren, and (so far) one great-grandchild survive her.

— Tim Redman

Solutions

Back cover: 1.Qd5! (cutting off ...Kf7) with four possible replies: 1...Qxe4 or Qe6 2.Qd7#; 1...Qe7 2.Qg8#; and 1...Ke7 2.Rxe5#.

Test Your Tactics (p. 3)

- 1...Qxc3+! 0-1 (2.bxc3 Ba3# is the LaBourdannais mate).
- 1.Rxh6+! Kxh6 2.Qh5#.
- 1...Qxf4+! 0-1 (2.Kxf4 Be5#!).
- 1...Bxg3+! 0-1 (2.fxg3 Re2+; 2.Qxg3 Rh1#).
- 1.Rxg6+! Kxg6 2.Rg1+ Kh6 3.Qg5+ Kh7 4.Qxh5#.
- 1.Rd7! N8xd7 2.Qxf7+ Kh8 3.Ne6 1-0.
- 1.Nxe5! dxe5 (1...Bf6 2.Nxd7) 2.Bxa5 wins an important pawn. If Black recaptures 2...Qxa5 then 3.Qxe5+ wins the rook on b8. Note that if you start with 1.Bxa5 Qxa5 then 2.Nxe5 loses to 2...Bf6.
- 1...Rxg2+! 2.Kxg2 Re2+ 3.Rf2 Rxf2+ 4.Kxf2 Qxh2+ followed by ...Bxf3 with a mating attack: The

game ended 5.Kf1 Nh5!? (5...Bxf3 is simplest) 6.Ke1 Qg1+ 7.Ke2 Nxg3+ and White resigned seeing mate in 2.
9. 1...Nxf2! and the knight is off limits: 2.Qxf2 Bxe3 pinning, or 2.Kxf2 Bxe2+ 3.Kf2 Bxd4+. The game continued: 2.Bxf5 Rxf5 3.Nxf5 Qxf5 4.Bd4 Bxe3! 5.Nxg7 (5.Bxe3 Nh3+ and 6...d4+) 5...Qe4 6.Qxe3 Nh3+ 0-1 (6.Kf1 Qh1+ →).

Texas Midwest Memorial

December 8th saw the Abilene Chess Club and John Williams host the Texas Midwest Memorial. Players from San Angelo, Mason, Lubbock, and Abilene competed in a four round, eight-man Swiss.

Chase Watters, home from Texas Tech, blazed through a tough field playing all three players from San Angelo for a perfect 4.0 result. Allen Eckert came in second with 2.5, drawing Charles Thomas, Robert Sturgeon and Brian Backlund, and defeating Michael Mathews. Three players tied for third place with 2: Robert Sturgeon, Neal Aylor and Harry Taylor. Sturgeon had draws against Eckert, Mathews, and a win against Neal Aylor, before losing to Watters in the last round.

Upcoming events include the Region IX Scholastic in August, and Spring Community Day Saturday April 5th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme of this year's event will be James Bond, and the San Angelo Chess Club will again be participating. We are looking for volunteers to man our mega chessboards and take on all challengers. Prizes will be furnished from our booth by Chess Buddies and the San Angelo Baskin-Robbins. Logan says that he will dress up as Tattoo if his uncle Rob will dress up as Oddjob! A four-round Swiss is planned, with food and beverages provided with entry fee. please email callrps@suddenlink.net for details.

— Rob Sturgeon

Region VIII scholastic in Brownsville sets record

The Region VIII Scholastic was held Feb. 16-17 at Hanna High School in Brownsville. This event set a new record for attendance, with an official tally of 1,331 entrants.

The top three players in each section were awarded trips to the state scholastic in Houston, paid for by the Brownsville School District. Many school districts use this event as a qualifier for their teams, paying all expenses to state and/or nationals if they finish in the top brackets. Brownsville, Harlingen, San Benito and Los Fresnos are among the districts that do this.

In the K-1 division, Hudson Elementary had the top team and Maverick Resa (7.0) of Dr. Cash Elementary was the top individual.

In Primary JV (U700) the Canterbury Elementary team won, and Ernest Quintanilla (7.0) of Ed Downs won individual honors.

In Primary, Jon Steven Flores (6.5) was the winner along with his school team from Americo Parides.

In Elementary JV, Alyssa Hernandez (7.0) won, and led her Dr. Garza Elementary team to victory.

In Elementary, Fernando Mendez (6.5) of Garden Park was top individual, and Dr. Cash Elementary was the winning team.

In Middle School JV, Ismael Garcia (6.5) and his school Miller Jordan were top individual and team.

In Middle School, Vela was the top team and Simon Vasquez (6.5) of Miller Jordan the top individual.

In High School JV, San Benito won team honors, and Jesus Rivera of Hanna HS was top individual.

In High School, Juan Delgado and his team from Hanna HS were winners. Delgado was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

In Collegiate, UT-Brownsville was the top team, with a three-way tie for top individual: Vicente Flores, Joseph Molina and Alan Gracia. They each scored 2.5 in the four round event. (All the K-12 scholastics were seven rounds.)

The event ran quite smoothly with only the usual first round sluggishness and small glitches here and there that are to be expected at an event of this size. The crew, staff and volunteers were well prepared and quite professional.

I would like to extend my thanks and the thanks of everyone in our Region to Hanna High School (especially Nelda Rogers!), the Brownsville School District, Paperclip Pairings, Victor J. Flores, Victor A. Flores, Victor Bailey, Tony Meza, Vicente Flores, Joseph Molina,, Lakshmana Viswanath, Dan DeLeon, Matthew Gracia, Michael Pena, Eddie Lopez Sr., Jaime Flores, Jared Korab, Jose Arguelles, Angelo Saco, Freddie Munoz, David Valdez, J.J. Garza, Astrid Santoyo, Daphne Wang, Margarita Flores and Victor Antonio Flores, all volunteers, all staff and especially all the players, their coaches and parents for a truly wonderful event.

See you next year in El Valle in McAllen, Texas for the 2009 State Scholastics!

Ed Guetzow

TCA Region VIII Director

Sicilian B27

Jeffrey Hung 1749
Simon Vasquez 1619

Region VIII MS (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.e5 Nc6 6.Qa4 Nd5 7.Qe4 Nb6 8.Bb5 d5 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Qxc6 13.Nxc6 Bxc2 14.0-0 Bg7 15.Nc3 a6 16.Re1 e6 17.Be3 Nc4 18.Bd4 0-0 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nd4 Bf5 21.Nxf5+ gxf5 22.b3 Nd6 23.Red1 Nb5 24.Ne2 Rfd8 25.g3 Rac8 26.

Kf1 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rc2 28.a4 Nc3 29.Nxc3 Rxc3 30.Rb1 a5 31.Ke2 Rc2+ 32.Ke3 e5 33.b4 axb4 34. Rxb4 Ra2 ½-½

Sicilian B23

Simon Vasquez 1619
Jan Santos 1572

Region VIII MS (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3 g6 9.h3 Bh5 10.e5 Nd5 11.g4 Qc8 12.Nh2 Rg8 13.Qf3 Nb4 14.Qg2 Rg7 15.Kh1 Ra7 16.a3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Qxd5 e6 19.Qf3 Qc7 20.gxh5 gxh5 21.Rg1 dxe5 22.fxex5 Rgx1+ 23.Kxg1 Qxe5 24.Qf4 Qe1+ 25.Nf1 e5 26.Qf6 Be7 27.Qc6+ Rd7 28.Qg2 Qh4 29.Be3 Qa4 30.Qa8+ Bd8 31.Bxc5 Re7 32.Bxe7 Kxe7 1-0

GAMES FROM CLUB EVENTS

The Methodist Hospital Chess Club in San Antonio began almost nine years ago. It has steadily picked up players for the Wednesday night tournaments, lately averaging about 18 entrants. The G/90 format (originally it was G/60, a tad fast for Patty and myself!) has produced some good fighting chess.

English Opening A28

Nathanael Lozano 1863
Selby Anderson 2234

MHCC February (3)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3

This doesn't get much attention, but it is a practical choice with a healthy winning percentage - 61%, compared with 53% for 4.g3 and 52% for 4.d4 (NIC Base).

4...Be7 5.a3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bb5 Nxc3 8.Bxc6+?

The resulting light square weakness in White's camp is worth at least a pawn to Black. Better is 8.bxc3 Qd6 9.d4=.

8...bxc6 9.bxc3 e4 10.Ne5?!

10.Nd4 Qd5 11.Qa4 Bd7+
10...Qd5 11.Qa4 0-0!



12.Nxc6

12.Qxc6 Qxe5! 13.Qxa8 Ba6 14. Qc6 Bb5 15.Qb7 Bd3 16.h3 (16.h4 Qh5 17.f3 Bxh4+ 18.Kd1 Qg6+) 16...Bh4 17.Bb2 Qf5 18.0-0 Qd7! (Δ...Qa4) 19.Qb3 Bxf2 20.g4 Be2

Of course, I did not see all of this or even try (after all, it was G/90). But it seemed clear that domination of the light squares plus White's insecure king were more than ample comp for the Exchange.

12...Bd6 13.Nd4 c5 14.Qa5

14.Qc6 Qxc6 15.Nxc6 a5 16.Rb1 f5! (during the game I imagined that 16...Bd7 17.Rb6 Rfc8 would work, missing 18.Na7!) 17.f4 exf3 18. gxf3 Bd7 19.Rb6 Rf6 20.d4 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Bg3+ 22.hxg3 Rxb6.

Worse is 14.Ne2 Qd3! 15.Bb2 Rb8 16.Nc1 Qb5! 17.Qxb5 Rxb5 18. Rb1 Bd7 19.Kc1 Rfb8 20.Kc2 R6b6 21.Na2 Ba4+ 22.Kc1 Bb3 +.

14...Bb7! 15.Ne2 Qc4!

White's queen is utterly cut out of play. I anticipated 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Nc1 Rfb8 18.Rb1 Rb7+ with ...Bc7 or ...Rab8 to follow.

16.d3 exd3 17.Ng3 Bc7 18.Qxc7 Qxc3+ 19.Kd1 Bxg2 20.Rg1 Bf3+ 21.Ne2 Bxe2# 0-1

QP Opening D02

Greg Wren 1693

Selby Anderson 2234

MHCC February (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2

Greg used to play this opening in practice games against me 25 years

ago. If I slowed down my play now, I might have recalled that my best results had been with 3...e6 4.0-0 c5 5.c3 (he would never play the Catalan 5.c4) – and that 4...c6, although logical, tended to produce flat play. This game bears that out.

4...c6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.0-0 h6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.b3 Be7 9.a4!?

I was expecting something like 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Ne5.

9...a5 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Rxa3 Qe7 12.Ra1 0-0 13.Re1 Bh7 14.h3 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Nd2 Bxg2 17. Kxg2 f5

Or 17...e5 18.cxxd5 cxd5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Rad8=.

18.f4 g5 19.e3 Nf6 20.fxg5 hxg5 21. Nf3 g4 22.hxg4 Nxg4 23.Nh2 Nxh2 24.Kxh2 Kg7 25.Kg2 Rh8 26. Rh1 Rxh1 27.Qxh1



27...Qg5(?)

(a) 27...Rh8 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Qe2 Qh6 looks strong, but 30.Rg1! evens out: 30...Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Qxe2+ 32. Kxe2 Rh2+ 33.Kd3 Kf6 34.g4=

(b) I looked at 27...Qb4! but was worried about leaving my king unattended. Wrong! White runs out of checks with either 28.Qh4 Rh8 29. Qg5+ Kf7+, or 28.Qc1 Qxb3 29. Rb1 Qd3 30.Rxb7+ Kg6.

28.Kf2 Rh8 29.Qg2 Re8 30.Qf3 Rh8 31.Rh1 Rxh1 32.Qxh1 Qh6 33.Qh4!

Now Black must tread carefully. Trading queens loses instantly by the outside passed pawn decoy.

33...Kg6 34.Kf3 Qg5 ½-½

Shawn Noland's ten-year-old son Quintin toppled club veteran Ray Smith, who has been playing since 1965. In an e-mail that day, Shawn wrote (prophetically!): "Quintin may surprise if not taken seriously."

French Defense C13

Raymond Smith 1700

Quintin Noland 960

MHCC January (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5! 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.g3?! Nxe4 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7. Nxe4 dxe4 8.Bg2 f5 [8...Qb4+!] 9.c3 0-0 [9...e5!] 10.Ne2 Bd7 11. 0-0 Rf6 12.f3 exf3 13.Bxf3 c5? [13...Bc6] 14.Bxb7 Bc6 15.Bxa8 Bxa8 16. dxc5

16.Qb3 Nd7 17.Nf4 g5 18.Ng2± 16...Qb7 17.Nf4?

17.Kf2! Nd7 18.Qd4 Qg2+ 19. Ke1+

17...g5!

17...Qh1+ 18.Kf2 Qxh2+ 19. Ke1 Qxg3+ 20.Rf2 Nc6=

18.Qd8+ Kf7 19.Qh8?

19.c6 Qxc6 20.Qxb8 gxf4 21. Kf2 Qf3+ 22.Ke1 Qe3+ 23.Kd1 e5 24.Qc7+ Kg6 25.Qd7 Bf3+ 26.Rxf3 (26.Kc2 Qe2+) 26...Qxf3+ 27. Kc2 Qg2+ 28.Qd2 Qe4+ 29.Qd3 Qxd3+ 30.Kxd3 e4+ 31.Kd4 f3



19...Rh6 20.Rad1 gxf4!?

Shawn was hoping his son would see 20...Qh1+ 21.Kf2 Rxh2+ 22.Ke1 Qe4+ and mate next, but there's no serious defense here.

21.Rd2 Qh1+ 22.Kf2 Rxh2+ 23. Ke1 Qe4+ 0-1

Natalie Noland, 12, wins one:

French Defense C11

David Pacheco 1192

Natalie Noland 664

MHCC January (5)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bd3?!
[4.Bg5; 4.e5; 4.exd5] 4...c5 5.Be3
Nc6 6.dxc5? [6.Nf3] 6...d4 7.Bb5
dxe3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.0-0-0+ Ke8
10.f3 Bxc5 11.Nge2 Bd7 12.Rd3 a6
13.Ba4 b5 14.Bb3 e5 [14...b4]
15.Nd5 Rd8 16.c3 Be6 17.Rhd1
Rb8? [17...Rc8] 18.Nc7+ Ke7 19.
Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nxa6 Bb6! 21.Nxb8
Rxb8 22.Kb1 b4 23.Rc1 Rd8 24.
Rxd8 Bxd8 25.c4? [25.cxb4 Nxb4
26.Rc3 Bb6 27.a3 Na6 28.Rc6 Nd7
29.Kc2±] 25...Nd7 26.b3 Bb6
27.Rd1 Nd4 28.Nxd4? [28.Rel³]
28...exd4+ 29.Kc2 e5 30.h3 Nc5
31.g4 d3+ 32.Kc1 e2 33.Re1



33...Nxb3+ 34.axb3 Be3+ 0-1

English Opening A17

Nathanael Lozano 1845

Selby Anderson 2231

MHCC January (2)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qc2 c5 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.a3 Ba5 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 0-0
8.0-0 d6 9.e3!?

9.d3 h6 10.e3 e5 11.h3± Karpov-
Adams, Groningen 1995

9...e5 10.d4 Bxc3

10...cxd4! 11.exd4 exd4 12.Nb5
(12.Nd5 h6±) 12...Bb6 13.Bf4 d5
14.c5 (14.Rad1 dxc4 15.Nbxd4 Nxd4
16.Nxd4 Bg4±) 14...d3 15. Qxd3
Bxc5 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.Nb5=

11.Qxc3 Qe7

I also considered 11...Ne4 12.
Qc2 (12.Qd3 Nf6=) 12...f5 13.d5
Ne7 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2±
12.b4! Bg4!? 13.bxc5 Bxf3 14.Bxf3
exd4 15.exd4 dxc5 16.d5

I view the closing of the center
(what's left of it) with relief, as open
lines favor the bishop pair. It turns
out, however, that my proud knights
will be precariously placed.

16...Nd4 17.Bf4

17.Bb2 Rfe8 18.Qd3 Nxf3+ 19.
Qxf3 Qe4 20.Qb3 Nd7 21.Rfd1
Rad8 22.a4 Re7 23.Rd3 Qe2 =
17...Ne4 18.Qd3! f5 19.Rfe1 Rae8
20.Bg2 Qf6 21.Rab1

White should turn the heat on the
knight at d4, e.g.: 21.Be3! Re7 22.
Rad1 Nc3 23.Rc1 Ne4 24.Red1 Rfe8
25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.Qxd4+ Nxc3!?
27.Qxf6 Ne2+ 28.Kf1 gxf6 29.d6
Rd7 30.Re1 Nxc1 31.Rxe8+ Kf7 32.
Re3 Rxd6 33.Bd5+ Kg6 34.Rc3 Na2
35.Rc2 trapping the knight (Fritz).
21...g5 22.Bc7 Nc3! 23.Rxe8 Rxe8
24.Rxb7?

Rf1 Qf7 25.Ba5 =
24...Rel+ 25.Bf1



25...Qh6!

A mistake would be 25...f4? 26.
Bxf4!, but interesting is 25...g4!?
26.Rb8+ (26.Kg2 Qh6 27.h4 gxh3+
28.Kh2 Qc1 29.Bf4 Qa1 30.Rb8+
Kf7 31.Rb7+ Kg6-) 26...Kf7 27.
Bf4 Nce2+ 28.Kg2 Nxf4+ 29.gxf4
Qh6 30.Rb7+ Kg6 31.Qg3 Qh3+
32.Qxh3 gxh3+ ±.
26.d6??

Black is also winning after other
defenses, but he must thread his way
carefully:

(a) 26.h4 Nce2+ 27.Kg2 gxh4
28.Rb8+ (28.Bxe2 h3+ 29.Kh2 Rxe2
30.Rb1 Rxf2+ 31.Kh1 Nf3 32.g4
f4+) 28...Kf7 29.Rb7 Kg6! 30.Bxe2
h3+ 31.Kh2 Rxe2 32.Rb1 Rxf2+
33.Kh1 Qg5+;

(b) 26.Kg2 g4 27.h4 gxh3+ 28.
Kh2 Qc1 29.Bf4 30.Rb8+ Kf7 31.
Rb7+ Kg6 32.Rxa7 Rxf1 33.Ra6+
Kf7 34.Ra7+ Ke8 35.Qe3+ Ne4 36.
Ra8+ Kd7 37.Ra7+ Kc8 38.Rc7+
Kd8+;

26...Qh3+ 27.Rb8+ Kg7 28.f4
Nce2+ 29.Kf2 Qxf1+ 30.Ke3 Nxf4+
31.Kd2 Qxd3+ 0-1

Sicilian Najdorf B86

Michael Oakes 1517

Mark McCue 1952

MHCC December (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 b5
8.Bd3 e5 9.Bxb5+ axb5 10.Ndxb5
Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.a4 Nc6 13.Qd2
Ng4 14.Nd5 Nxe3 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7
16.Qxe3 Ba6 17.c4 Bxb5 18.cxb5
Nd4 19.Rfc1 Rfc8 20.b6 Qb7 21.
Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.a5 g6?

22...Nc2! 23.a6 Qb8 24.a7 Qa8.
23.Qd3 Qc6 24.h3 f5 25.exf5 gxf5
26.b3 d5 27.Qg3+ Qg6 28. Qxg6+
hxg6 29.b7 Rb8 30.a6 Nb5



31.a7?

White can turn the tables with
31.Rc1 Na7 32.b4! d4 33.b5 d3 34.
b6 d2 35.Rd1+.

31...Nxa7 32.Rxa7 Kf7 33.Kf1 Ke7
34.h4 Kd7 35.b4 Kc7 36.b5 Kb6
[36...Rxb7 37.Ra6 Rb6=] 37.Ra6+
Kxb5 38.Rxg6 Rxb7 39.Rg5 Kc4
40.Rxf5 Kd3 41.Rxe5?

41.g4 Ke4 42.Rf8 d4 43.h5 d3
44.Ke1 Rb1+ 45.Kd2 Rb2+ 46.Kc1
Rc2+ 47.Kd1 Ra2 48.h6 Ra1+
49.Kd2 Ra2+ 50.Kc3 Rc2+ 51.Kb3
Rc1 52.h7 d2 53.Rd8 Rh1 54.Kc3
d1Q 55.Rxd1 Rxh7 56.Rd3±
41...Rb1+ 42.Re1 Rxe1+ 43.Kxe1
Kc2

Perfectly timed.

44.f4 d4

0-1

Diemer Gambit D00

Charles R. Davis 1564

Nathanael Lozano 1805

MHCC October (5)

1.e4 c6

Black wins a pawn with 1...c5!, as one annotator cheekily wrote of a Ken Smith game in San Antonio 1972. (The favorite son from Dallas went 0-3 with his gambit, a Davis favorite.) But Davis has another gambit lined up for the Caro-Kann.

2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3!? exf3
5.Nxf3 Bg4

Also good is 5...Bf5. Now the most popular idea is 6.h3, but Davis' move 6.Bd3 has merit.

6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 e6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9. Qe1



9...Qc7

The next month, Lozano varied with 9... Bxf3 10.Rxf3 Bd6 11.Bf4 Bxf4 (11...Qb6! → Fritz) 12.Rxf4

Qc7 13.Qf2 0-0 14.Rf1 e5 15.dxe5
Qxe5 16.Rf5 Qc7 17.Qh4 Qb6+
18.Kh1 Rfe8 19.Ne4! Qxb2
20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.Rxf6! gxf6
22.Qxh7+ Kf8 (diagram):



Now Davis could have won with 23.Bc4! Ke7 24.Rd1! Rf8 25.Qf5 Rf8 (25...Rad8 26.Qc5+ Ke8 27. Rxd8+ +-) 26.Qc5+ Ke8 27.Re1+ Kd7 28.Re7+ Kc8 29.Qf5+ Kb8 30. Qf4+ +-.

A lovely illustration of encirclement tactics! Instead White gave a merry king chase, leading to a murky ending which Black won.

10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Qg3 Bd6

Even better is 11...Nh5!, which appears to win a piece.

12.dxe5 Bxe5 13.Qh4 Bxc3 14. bxc3 Qe5 15.Bd4 Qh5 16.Bxf6 gxf6
17.Qxf6 Rg8 18.Rae1 Rd8??



Black needed to regroup with 18...Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Qe7±.

19.Re5+- Bf5 20.Rxf5f5

20.Bxf5! is even more incisive, but maybe Davis is keeping out the

QR. [20...Rxb2+!? (20...Qg5 21. Rxe6+! Kf8 22.Bh3+-) 21.Kxg2 Rd2+ 22.Rf2+-]

20...Qg6 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Rf3 Ke7
23.Re4 Rd5 24.Ref4 [⊖ 24.Rh4]
24...f5 25.Ra4 a5 26.Rh4 Rg7 27. Rfh3 b5 28.Rh7 Kf6 29.Rxg7 Kxg7
30.Rf3?

Awkward rook play almost turns the tables on White. Best is 30.c4! Rc5 31.Bf1Kf6 32.Kf2 e5 33.c3 bxc4 34.Ke3 Rb5 35.Bxc4 Rb2 36. g3 and Black's central pawn duo has been stopped. Compared to holding the open h-file by staying put, 30.Rf3? practically seeks to draw fire from the black pawns.

30...e5 31.c4 Rc5 32.Rf2 bxc4 33. Bf1 c3 34.Ba6 e4 35.Kf1 Kf6 36.g4 Ke5 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.h4 f4 39.h5



39...f3?

39...Rd5!, seeking out the strong d2 square, is strong enough to hold the draw: 40.Ke1 e3 41.Rf1 Rd2 42. Bd3 Rh2 43.Be2 a4 44.a3 c5 45. Rg1 Kd4 = with a standoff.

40.h6+- Kf4 41.Rh2 Ke3

41...Rd5 42.Ke1 (Black threatened mate in two!) 42...Rd8 43.h7 Rh8 44.Bb7+-.

Black is pacified and will run out of good moves.

42.h7

1-0

Smith-Morra Gambit B21

Charles R. Davis 1564

Selby Anderson 2226

MHCC October (4)

1.e4 c5 2.d4

The mild-mannered ex-Air Force mathematician is a swashbuckler on the board. His forays in the Diemer Gambit are seen earlier.

2...cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qe2

A book line is 8.Bf4 Bxc3 9.bxc3 d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Qc2 with comp, but 12...Ng6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qd2 Be6 looks good for Black.

Davis played 8.Bg5 in August, and the extra tempo to control e5 was welcome: 8...f6 9.Bf4 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.Bb5 e5 12.Bc1 Be6 13.Qe2 dxe4 14.Qxe4 Qa5 15.c4 0-0 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Bc3 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Rd8 20.Rd2 Rxd2 21.Bxd2 Qd6 22.Qc2 Nd4 23.Nxd4 Qxd4 24.Bc3 Qd6 25.Bd2 Nf5? [25...b6!] 26.c5 Qd5 27.Bd3 Nd4 28.Bxh7+ Kh8 29.Qd3? [He misses a save! 29.Qd1! Nf3+ (29...Bh3 30.Be4! Qxe4 31.Qh5+=) 30.Qxf3

Qxf3 31.gxf3 Kxh7 32.a3=] 29...Qxa2 30.h3 f5 31.Be3 Qa1+ 32.Kh2 Kxh7 33.g4 Nf3+ 34.Kg3 Qg1+ 0-1.

8...0-0 9.Rd1 Ng6 9...Bxc3! 10.bxc3 Qa5 11.Bb3 Qxc3 12.Bb2 Qa5+.

10.e5? 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Nb5 a6 12.Nbd4 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Ne5+.

10...Qa5+ 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxe5 13.Bd3 Nxd3

13...Qxc3 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Be3 d5-+.

14.Rxd3 d5 15.Ng5 e5

I anticipated his coming sac.

16.Qh5 h6

(Diagram next column)

17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.Bxh6 Bf5!

Much better than 18...gxh6.

19.Rg3

The better try was 19.Rf3, but 19...gxh6 20.Rxf5 Rg7 or 19...Ne7 20.Bg5 Bg6 wins for Black.



Position after 15...e5

19...gxh6 20.Rxg6+ Bxg6 21.Qxg6+ Rg7 22.Qe6+ Kh7 23.Qf5+ Kh8 24.Qxe5 Qc7 25.Qf6 Qc6 26.Qd4 Rc8 27.Rc1 Qc5 28.Qf6 Rc6 29.Qd8+ Rg8 30.Qd7 Rf6 31.Rc2 Qb6 32.g3 Qb1+ 33.Kg2 Qxc2 34.Kh3 Rxf2 0-1

Texas Action Championship

March 15

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Rounds begin noon with 15 min. breaks, approx. 12 - 1:15 - 2:30 - 3:45 - 5

Entries: San Antonio Chess Club, P.O. Box 501, Helotes, TX 78023-0501

Information: 210-695-2324; <http://home.satx.rr.com/sachess/> NS. NC. W.

Hotels nearby at IH-10 and Wurzbach: Motel 6 (210)-593-0013; Holiday Inn (210) 561-9300.

Texas State and Amateur Championship

May 23-26 or 24-26

7 Round Swiss

DFW Marriott Airport South, 4151 Centreport Blvd., Fort Worth TX 78155

Rates: \$85/85/85/85. 800-228-9290 reserve by 5/1 and ask for Texas State and Amateur rate.

\$ 8,350 prize fund (b/175 full entries)

Championship (2000+)

	U2400	U2200
First	\$1,000	\$800
Second	\$500	\$400
Third	\$250	-

Time Controls

Rds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec increment

Rds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec increment

FIDE rated with USCF rules

Amateur (U2000)

	Class B	Class C	U1400	U1200	U1000
	\$800	\$600	\$500	\$400	\$300
	\$400	\$300	\$250	\$250	Unr.
	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$200

Time Controls

Rounds 1-7 : 30/90 SD/60

(Round 1 of 3 day schedule is G/120, deduct 5 min. for delay)

Foreign unrated must play in Championship section.

Rounds: 4-day Fri. 7:45 p.m.; Sat. 2:30 - 8:30; Sun. 10 - 4; Mon. 9 - 2:30

3-day Rd. 1 Sat. 10 a.m., then merge with 4-day schedule

Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before round 2.

Byes for both round 6 and 7 not permitted.

Entry Fees: Adult \$69 if received by 5/17, \$80 later. Add \$5 for CC phone entries.

Junior (under 19): \$60 by 5/17, \$72 later. Counts 90% toward prize base.

Senior (over 65), **handicap or additional family member:** \$40 by 5/17, \$55 later, counts 60% toward base. Pre-registration requires pre-payment. After 5/21 all registration and changes on-site only. All changes including withdrawal \$10 after 5/20.

All: TCA membership required, other states accepted.

On-site registration: 4-day: Fri. 5/23, 6:15-7:15 p.m. 3-day: Sat. 5/24 9-9:30 a.m.

Mail entries (with payment) to Dallas Chess Club, c/o Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. NS. NC. W. FIDE.

K-12 Scholastic Event (Sat. May 24): 5-rd. Swiss (Rds 1-3 G/30, Rds 4-5 G/45)

Entry fee: \$26 by 5/17, \$39 after. CC phone entries add \$5. Onsite registration

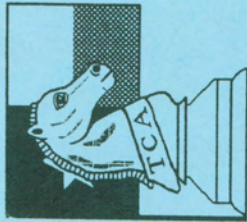
8:15-8:45 a.m. Round 1 at 9:30 a.m., rest ASAP with short lunch break.

Sections: K-12 Championship and K-12 under 750.

Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, 5 teams in each section.

Medals to plus scores who do not win a trophy.

For more info, contact Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.swchess.com

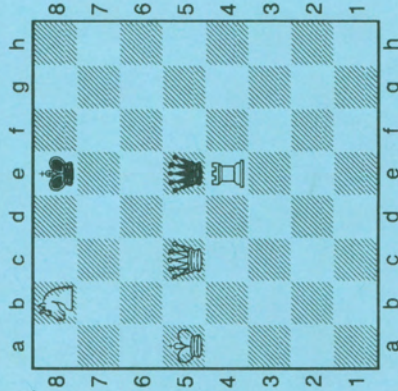


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